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SUBJECT: GDR MESSAGE TO THE PRC

REF: BERLIN 2766

1. THE GDR COUNCIL OF STATE HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO  
THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S  
CONGRESS OF THE PRC SUPPORTING THE "CONSTRUCTIVE  
EFFORTS" OF THE USSR TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH THE  
PRC AND SPECIFICALLY THE FEBRUARY 24 SOVIET PROPOSAL  
FOR A JOINT STATEMENT ON PRINCIPLES ON SOVIET-CHINESE  
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RELATIONS. THE MESSAGE, SUMMARIZED IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND  
ON MAY 8, STATES THAT THE COUNCIL OF STATE "SPEAKS  
FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GDR" WHEN  
IT SEES THE SOVIET PROPOSAL AS A MEANS TO RESOLVE  
THE PRESENT ABNORMAL STATE IN CHINESE-SOVIET RELATIONS.  
THE GDR WOULD WELCOME CHINA'S SHOWING ITS READINESS  
TO TAKE THE ROUTE PROPOSED BY THE USSR. A NORMAL

RELATIONSHIP OF THE PRC TOWARD THE USSR AND TOWARD ALL SOCIALIST STATES, THE MESSAGE CONCLUDES, WOULD, WITHOUT DOUBT, HAVE POSITIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR GDR RELATIONS WITH THE PRC.

2. COMMENT: THE POSITION TAKEN IN THIS MESSAGE TO THE CHINESE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS IS EXACTLY IN LINE WITH THE GDR POLICY TOWARD CHINA (SEE REFTEL). WHAT IS NEW IS THE FORMAL MANNER IN WHICH THE MESSAGE IS SENT. END COMMENT. BOLEN

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